

HOUSE BILL 2231
By Huskey

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1973 as amended by Chapter 105 of the Private Acts of 1975; Chapter 222 of the Private Acts of 1976 and Chapter 65 of the Private Acts of 1979, relative to the trial justice court of Sevier County and to authorize two divisions of the general sessions court of Sevier County and the jurisdiction of such court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Effective September 1, 1998, Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1973, as amended by Chapter 105 of the Private Acts of 1975, Chapter 222 of the Private Acts of 1976 and Chapter 65 of the Private Acts of 1979 is repealed.

SECTION 2. In the regular August election in 1998, the qualified voters of Sevier County shall elect two (2) general sessions court judges to serve as the judges of Part I and Part II of the General Sessions Court of Sevier County. Except as provided herein with respect to jurisdiction, the General Sessions Court of Sevier County shall be governed by Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15.

SECTION 3. In addition to the jurisdiction established by general law over civil and criminal matters, the General Sessions Court of Sevier County shall have jurisdiction over probate and juvenile matters.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Sevier County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

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SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For the purpose of authorizing candidates to qualify and run for election for the two parts of the General Sessions Court of Sevier County in the 1998 regular August election, this act shall take effect upon approval as provided in Section 4. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect September 1, 1998.